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SUBJ: DELEGATION FROM THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF
YEMEN VISITS AFGHANISTAN

1. A DELEGATION HEADED BY MAHMUD ABDULLAH USHAYSH, MINISTER OF
COMMUNICATIONS OF THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF YEMEN
(PDRY), PAID A THREE-DAY VISIT TO KABUL BETWEEN AUGUST 9 AND
AUGUST 11.

2. DURING HIS VISIT, USHAYSH HAD A SERIES OF MEETINGS WITH HIGH
AFGHAN OFFICIALS. HE PAID COURTESY CALLS ON NOOR MOHAMMAD TARAKI,
CHAIRMAN OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL AND PRIME MINISTER OF THE DEMO-
CRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN (DRA), AND ON HAFIZULLAH AMIN,
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. DURING
THE CALL ON TARAKI, USHAYSH PRESENTED A MESSAGE FROM ALI NASEER
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MOHAMMAD, PRIME MINISTER OF THE PDRY. HE ALSO MET FOR MORE
SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH DR. SHAH WALI, MINISTER OF PUBLIC
HEALTH,
ABDUL KARIM MISAQ, MINISTER OF FINANCE, AND TWICE WITH SAYED
MOHAMMAD GULABZOI, MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS. (NOTE: BOTH WALI AND
MISAQ ARE MEMBERS OF THE POLITICAL BUREAU OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE
OF THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF AFGHANISTAN.)

3. ON AUGUST 14, THE AMBASSADOR ASKED FOREIGN MINISTER AMIN ABOUT THE PDRY VISIT. AMIN BREEZILY DESCRIBED IT AS A ROUTINE COURTESY VISIT WHERE EACH SIDE ASSURES THE OTHER: "YOUR COUNTRY IS GOOD; MY COUNTRY IS GOOD." AMIN OBSERVED DRYLY THAT THE PDRY IS EVEN SMALLER AND POORER THAN AFGHANISTAN.

4. THE VISIT WAS NONETHELESS HIGHLIGHTED IN THE AFGHAN MEDIA, ALL OF WHICH ARE GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED. THE DAILY "KABUL TIMES" CARRIED NUMEROUS PICTURES OF USHAYSH AND ARTICLES ON EACH OF HIS MEETINGS WITH AFGHAN OFFICIALS, AND REPORTED THAT DURING THE VISIT DISCUSSIONS TOOK PLACE IN A FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

5. COMMENT: THE PDRY VISIT DID NOT APPEAR TO PRODUCE ANYTHING CONCRETE IN THE AREA OF KABUL'S BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH ADEN. THEREFORE, WE WONDER WHETHER THE DRA, PERHAPS AT MOSCOW'S URGING, IS ENGAGED IN CULTIVATING CLOSER LINKS WITH THE RADICAL NON-ALIGNED STATES. THIS WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH THE RECENT VISITS OF PARTY AND YOUTH DELEGATIONS TO HAVANA, AND AMIN'S ASSOCIATION AT THE BELGRADE NONALIGNED MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF SUCH COUNTRIES AS CUBA, ETHIOPIA, ANGOLA, VIETNAM, NORTH KOREA, AND MOZAMBIQUE.

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